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SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN-CUBAN RELATIONS

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1. SINCE FONMIN LIEVANO'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON MARCH 6 (REFTEL) THAT FORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND CUBA HAD BEEN RE-ESTABLISHED THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MEASURES TO GIVE EFFECT TO THAT DECISION. NEGOTIATIONS, CARRIED OUT THROUGH THE SWISS GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE COLOMBIANS AND CUBANS IN PANAMA AND PERHAPS ELSEWHERE, REPORTEDLY HAVE NOW BEEN ESSENTIALLY COMPLETED.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ, SENATOR RAMIRO ANDRADE TERAN (BOGOTA 1633) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE GOC AS AMBASSADOR TO CUBA AND HAS RECEIVED AGREEMENT. THE APPOINTMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON. WE HAD HEARD EARLIER THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON AN EXCHANGE OF EMBASSIES HAD BEEN SLOWED BY THE DESIRE OF THE GOC TO LIMIT SHARPLY THE SIZE OF THE CUBAN MISSION AND TO RESTRICT THE MOVEMENT OF CUBAN DIPLOMATS WITHIN A GIVEN RADIUS OF BOGOTA. THE GOC HAS APPARENTLY ABANDONED ITS EFFORTS

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IN THESE RESPECTS AND THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL

RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER AND MOVEMENTS OF THE CUBANS.
IF TRUE, DISSATISFACTION AND CONCERN AMONG GOC POLICE
AND MILITARY OVER THE REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH
CUBA WILL BE HEIGHTENED.

3. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, ANDRADE
DEPARTED BOGOTA YESTERDAY FOR VISITS TO FRANCE, YUGOSLAVIA
AND EAST GERMANY AT THE INVITATION OF THE THREE GOVERN-
MENTS WHILE HE SERVED AS GOC ROVING AMBASSADOR. HE WILL
REPORTEDLY VISIT CUBA ON THIS RETURN TRIP TO COLOMBIA.
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